

Clara Linen Peasant Blouse Tutorial and Pattern

Description





Peasant tops are making a comeback at the moment. With its signature, bohemian-enthused aesthetic, Clara peasant blouse is the perfect choice of clothing for summer and a great way to add some effortless chic to your everyday wardrobe.

Plus, a peasant top made from linen makes so much sense! Linen fabric is breathable, allowing air to pass quickly through the fibers and keeping the skin cool. Its gently crinkled texture feels incredibly romantic and creates that lived-in look that we love so much about this fabric!

Add a touch of sun to your wardrobe with our lovely Clara blouse!

Materials



1.5 yards of IL042 901 â?? FS Premier Finish â?? 100% Medium Weight Linen

1 fat quarter of IL042 907 Premier Finish Medium Weight linen for the ties, binding and cuffs.

Matching sewing thread

Tools



Pattern paper, scissors, fabric marker, pins, ruler, seam riper, chalk, measuring tape, 18 mm bias tape maker, sewing machine

Difficulty

Beginner

Time

3-4 hours

Pattern

You can access the multi-sized PDF pattern HERE.

Note that youâ??ll also need to make on continuous strip of bias tape for neckline binding and ties (around 35-40 inches long and 1.5 in wide) and 2 small strips for the slit binding (1â?³ x 9â?³ long) and 2 for the cuffs (2â?³ x 10,5â?³ or to the measurement of your elbow). For detailed instructions on how to cut and make your own bias tape please follow this tutorial.

Steps

Note: Prewash your fabric and tumble dry it until it is still slightly moist, dry in room temperature. Iron the fabric so it is easier to work with.

1. Letâ??s start with the front slit. Bind your slit with contrasting bias tape by following this detailed tutorial HERE.



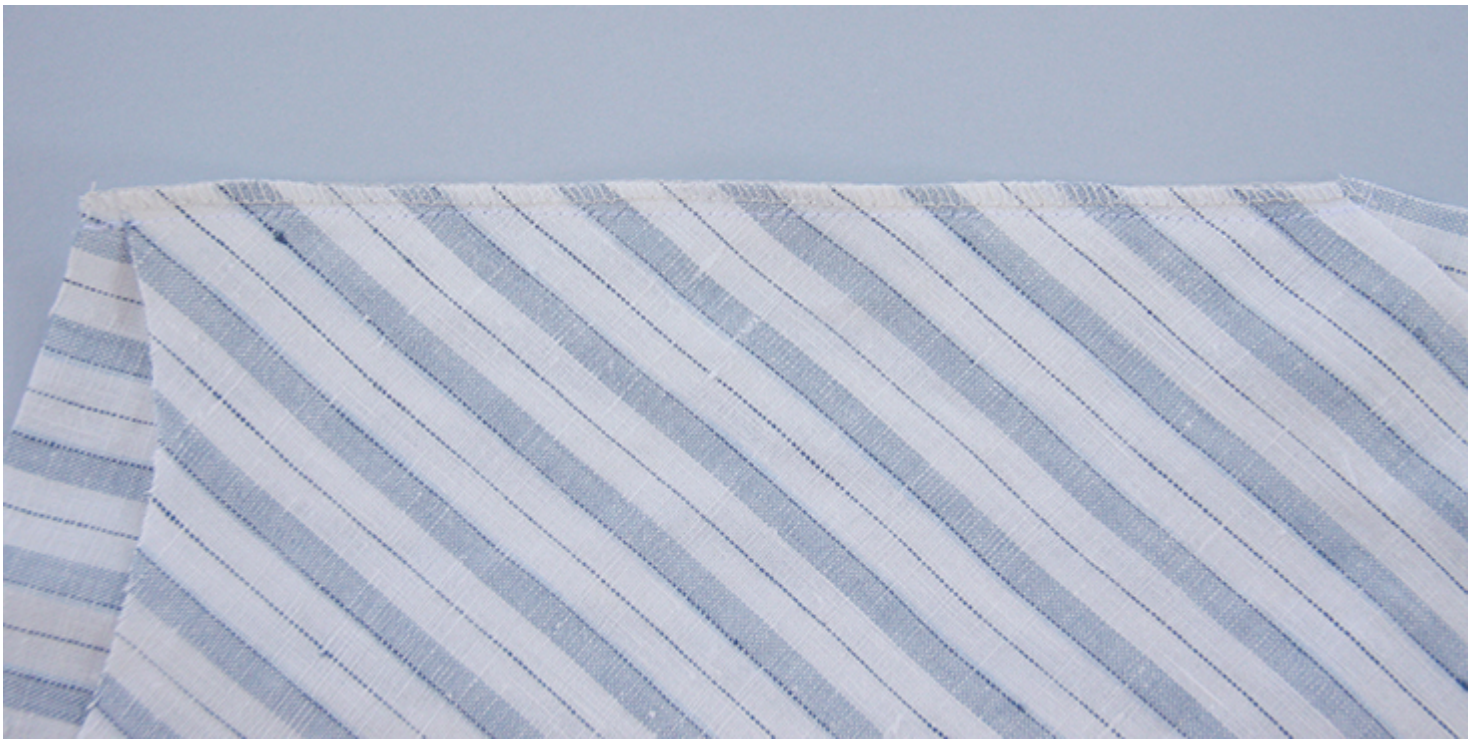
2. Pin and sew the sleeve to the armhole right sides together.





3. Trim the seam allowance down to 1/4â?³ (6 mm) and serge/zigzag the raw edges together to prevent the fabric from fraying.





4. Press the seam allowance to one side (preferably, towards the back of your blouse).





5. Repeat with the other sleeve.





6. Pin the sleeve at the underarm and the side seams right sides together.



7. Sew the sleeves and the sides all in one seam at a 3/8â?³Â• (1 cm) seam allowance. Trim the seam allowance down to 1/4â?³ (6 mm) and serge or zigzag the raw edges together. Press the seams flat folding the serged/zigzagged edges to one side.



8. Use your two 10,5â?³Â• bias tape strips as cuffs. To assemble these cuffs, unfold your tape, join the two ends right sides together and stitch.



9. Gather your sleeve opening to the length of your finished cuff. Follow this step-by-step tutorial that explains how to gather fabric.



10. Follow the instructions in this tutorial and complete the gathered sleeves.



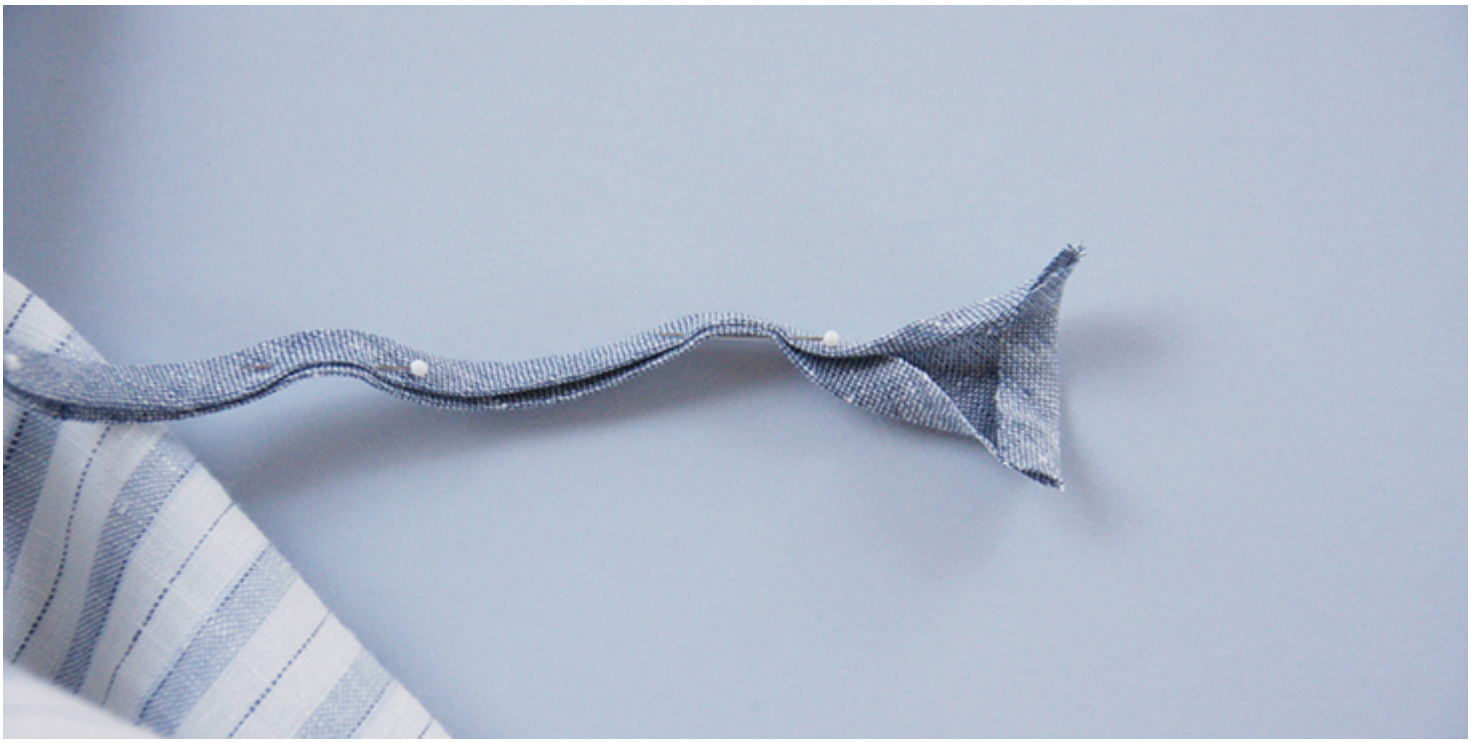


Itâ??s time to gather the neckline, attach the bias tape binding and create the ties.

11. Gather your neckline the same way you did with the sleeves. Take your long strip of bias tape, press it in half lengthwise then find the center of the strip by folding it in half. Pin to the center back matching the centers and â??sandwichingâ?•Â• the gathered neckline. Use plenty of pins to make sure your neckline is seated correctly. Make sure the neckline edge is inserted all the way into the crease of the tape and that the bias tape is not too lose nor too tight. Otherwise your finished neckline might gape at the shoulders.



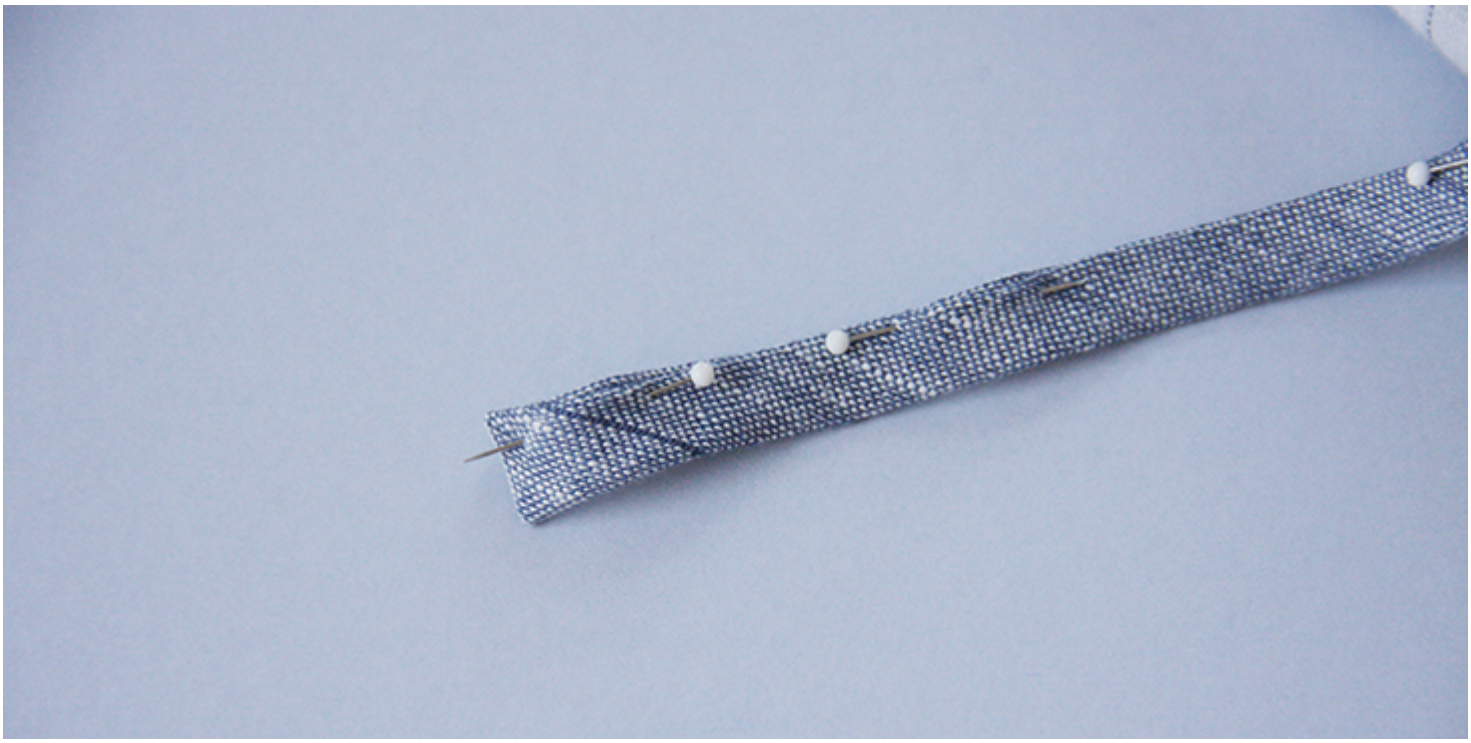
12. Fold one of the ends towards the inside as shown in the picture below:



13. Clip the corners to eliminate bulk.



14. Now fold your end in half lengthwise in the continuity of the bias tape and pin to form the ties.



The length of the ties is really up to you. Ours are 18â?• (46 cm) long.

15. Start edgestitching the tie from the folded end and all the way around the neckline until you reach the other end. Repeat steps 12-14 and stitch the other end. Donâ??t forget to press when you are done.





Hereâ??s what your finished neckline should look like:



16. Lastly, finish the bottom hem by folding and pressing the fabric twice to the wrong side (3/8â?³Â• to 1/2â?³Â•) and stitch as close to the folded edge as possible.





Give your blouse a good press and youâ??re all done! Such a great summer basic perfect for packing away on your next vacation!

A peasant top is the perfect backdrop for bold color and playful prints. Check out our selection of linen fabrics and see which color inspires you for this beautiful project!

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